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Households with elderly or disabled members may apply for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning on Oct. 2

Applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the 2017-2018 program year will be taken by the WDM Human Services office for households with an elderly or disabled member beginning October 2, 2017. All other households are welcome to apply beginning November 1, 2017, and continuing through April 30, 2018.

The LIHEAP program assists qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters by paying a portion of their primary heating costs. This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs.

WDM Human Services is located at 139 6th Street. Applications will be accepted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). All first time applicants must apply in person. Questions? Call WDM Human Services at 222-3660 for more information or to schedule an appointment if necessary.

To apply, applicants must bring the following documents:

- * Proof of identification in the form of Social Security cards for all household members. A photo ID is required for each adult in the household.
- * Proof of all household members' gross income for the past 30 days or for the past calendar year (a copy of your 2016 federal income tax return).
- * If renting, your landlord's name, address and telephone number.
- * A copy of your most recent heating/electric bill.

LIHEAP assistance is a one-time payment to your energy provider and it is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and other factors. Eligibility for participation is established according to the following federal income guidelines:

Income Maximums		
Household Size	LIHEAP 30 Days Gross Income	LIHEAP Annual Gross Income
1	\$1,759	\$21,105
2	\$2,368	\$28,420
3	\$2,978	\$35,735
4	\$3,588	\$43,050
5	\$4,197	\$50,365
6	\$4,807	\$57,680
7	\$5,416	\$64,995
8	\$6,026	\$72,310
For households with more than eight members, add \$610/\$7,315 for each additional member.		

LIHEAP is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/DCAA. West Des Moines Human Services serves as a delegate agency of IMPACT Community Action Partnership for the purpose of taking LIHEAP applications.

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